

RE: CG Docket No. 03-123
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554



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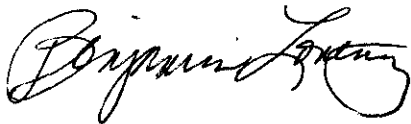
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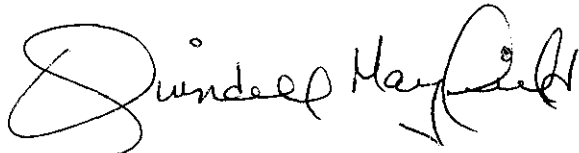
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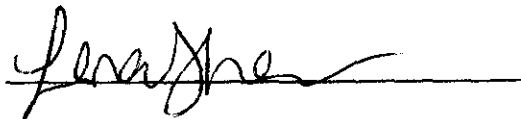
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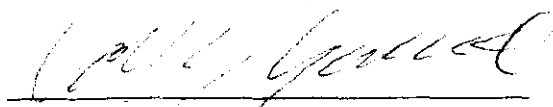
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Tony Dombrowski

*I don't want lose Sorenson Relay Services
because I have a deaf brother. I always use
it to call my deaf brother.
Thank you for supporting to continue Sorenson
Relay if you decide to keep them with Funds.
Thank you - Tony*

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P.O. Box 63
6 SHENANDOAH AVE. #B
JACKSONVILLE, IL 62651

June 5, 2007

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Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners' Adelstein, Copps, McDowell & Tate,

I am the mother of a deaf daughter who for the first time in her life, has been able to communicate in a much more efficient manner than ever before. This is because of the VRS System that she has been using for the past year and a half. My daughter is now able to make her own doctor's appointments, talk with our hearing relatives and has been able to carry on quality conversations with her hearing friends as well as communicate freely with her deaf friends.

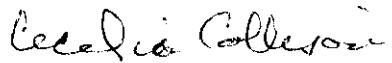
In the past, when she did have use of the TTY, she would still ask me to make appointments, call her friends, etc. and this was mainly because although she is of normal intelligence, she found it very difficult to correctly spell or put into understood grammar, the things that were very important for her to get across via TTY.

Another thought that my daughter has, is that when deaf people go to hospitals for emergency treatments, it is very hard to get an interpreter on the spot when needed. If all hospitals were equipped with VRS, the deaf could more efficiently communicate their problems to the doctors', nurses and staff through this service. Also, it would increase the confidentiality of these visits as most of the interpreters would not be from the clients' hometowns. VRS could also be used in Federal Offices such as the Social Security Administration, License Bureau's, etc. These units could be set up on a rolling stand and if a deaf person came in for an interview, the interviewer could relate their questions with much less time and trouble as conversation is almost instant.

These are just a few of the ways VRS could help both deaf and hearing individuals and I am pleading with you to not only keep the existing services, but to consider increasing them, because in the long run, it

would be more cost efficient for businesses, schools, hospitals, etc, to tap into using Video Relay Service, rather than having to use very highly paid Sign Language Interpreters, who might not be available when needed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cecelia Collison".

**Cecelia Collison
12 Riverview Park
Norwich, NY 13815
(607)334-6754**

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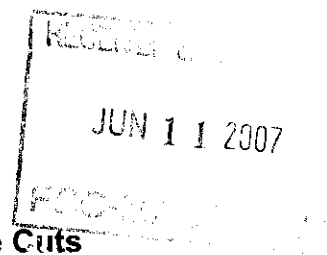
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Printed Name

Bobbie S. LeFors

Address

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NiboLeFors@cox.net

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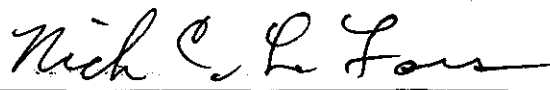
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Sincerely,
Charles and Amy Barber

Amy Barber

5/31/07

RE: CG docket No. 03-123
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445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Marsha Johnson

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*P.S. Write on behalf of
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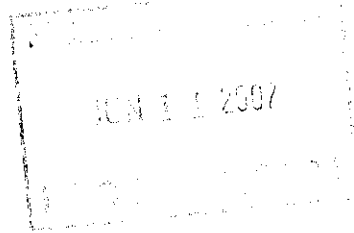
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